

Henry Sewall House
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HENRY SEWALL HOUSE
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Date of erection: 1665

Builder: Henry Sewall, Secretary to Lord Baltimors

Description:

One and a half stories; brick; Flemish bond.

Additional data:

In 1720 Nicholas Sewall, son of the builder, installed paneling of the type popular at the time on the walls of the three ground-floor rooms, that is, the hallway, bedroom, and living room. The stair is enriched with heavy balusters of the period, and a closed string. The living room is richly paneled and boasts an exceedingly handsome mantel enriched with a roll moulding, on either side of which are two closets, the doors decorated with ogival heads (series of curves). On the wall opposite the fireplace a pilaster set upon a pedestal relieves the monotony of the row of panels and provides a balance of interest. These rooms have been removed to the Brooklyn Museum, where they are on display.

Reference:

Haines, Elizabeth, "A Guide to the American Rooms of the Brooklyn Museum."

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